

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on June 24, 2005, claims 4, 5, 12, 13, and 18-20 were objected to for depending from rejected base claims, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 12, 18, 19, and 20 of the above claims have been amended into independent form herein. Claim 5 depends from amended claim 4 and claims 6-11 have all been amended to depend from claim 4. Claim 13 depends from claim 12. Claims 15-17 have been amended to depend from amended claim 19. With the amendments presented herein, it is submitted that claims 4-13 and 15-20 are allowable over the prior art of record.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, and 14-17 were rejected as being anticipated by the disclosure of the U.S. patent of LaPorte No. 4,775,294, and claims 9 and 10 were rejected as being obvious in view of LaPorte. Of these rejected claims, claims 6-8, 11, and 15-17 have all been amended to depend from new independent claims that are considered to be allowable as explained above. Claims 1-3 and 14 remain.

Independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended herein. Claim 1 now recites the additional limitation of the fan assembly including a motor and a fan attached to the motor. Claim 14 has been amended to include the additional method step of attaching a fan assembly that includes a motor and a fan to the panel where the motor and fan of the fan assembly are positioned in the housing interior bore. Thus, both independent claims 1 and 14 now specify that the fan and motor of the fan assembly are positioned in the housing interior bore. This feature of the invention is not disclosed or suggested

by the LaPorte reference, which discloses a fan assembly motor 12 positioned on the exterior of a fan housing. Because the LaPorte reference does not suggest the subject matter of amended claims 1 and 14, it cannot make obvious that subject matter. Claims 1 and 14 are therefore allowable over the LaPorte reference and the remaining prior art of record.

Claims 2 and 3 both depend from claim 1 and therefore are allowable for the reasons set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, the application is in a condition for allowance and a favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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